

Application No. 10/809,248
Amendment dated August 3, 2005
Reply to Office Action of March 8, 2005

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the following paragraph as appears on page 10, beginning at line 9, as follows:

The installation procedures of the present bone fixation system 10 utilizing the screw anchors 26 in a spinal column application will next be described. If not already preassembled as by a press-fitting of the plug 54 in the bore 50, the screw anchor 26 is assembled by threading the cable 22 through the throughbore 46 until the plug 54 abuts against the stop shoulder surface 51 therein. After incision to access the spinal column 12 anteriorly thereof, the cable portion 52 is threaded through the cannulated driver 61 for being threaded into the vertebra 14. The driver turns the shank 28 about its axis 47 until it is advanced either in a predetermined predrilled ~~tactation~~ location or by self-tapping until the proximate end 32 is flush or recessed below the bone surface 40. In one preferred application of the present cable bone fixation system 10, it is used as an adjunct to decompression devices such as a cage or cages 66 that are inserted in gap 64 between adjunct vertebra 14a and 14b to be stabilized.